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November 08, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 November 8, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION
BEECH AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to construct a 12-inch-diameter water transmission main to replace an existing water main for Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, in the City of Lancaster; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant service agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,500.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Beech Avenue Water Main Replacement, in the City of Lancaster, at an estimated construction cost between \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on December 6, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,500 funded by existing project funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley; adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids; and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans for the construction of a 12-inch-diameter water transmission main replacement and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may return to your Board to recommend that the bidder be determined nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing property owners within the Waterworks District with a more reliable water supply system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,200,000 to \$1,400,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,100,000. In addition to the construction cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of project concept investigation and report, preparation of plans and specifications, materials testing and reporting, survey, traffic control, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (N64).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the construction of a water main, is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the construction of water systems. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May 2012 and be completed in August 2012.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for replacement or reconstruction of existing water facilities involving negligible

or no expansion of capacity.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing residents and property owners within the Waterworks District with a more reliable water supply system.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department